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INMATE COMMUNITY SERVICE WORKLINES STATEWIDE HELPING BOTTOMLINES FOR STATE, COUNTY AND NON-PROFITS

HONOLULU – Inmates in Hawaii's Correctional system Community Service Worklines contributed labor to State, County and non-profit agencies valued at \$2,756,133.26 in fiscal year 2003-2004 according to statistics released today by the Department of Public Safety (DPS). A total of 199,275 worker-hours were committed to various community service-related projects.

"The Worklines program provides an excellent opportunity for inmates to do something constructive for the community," said John F. Peyton, Jr., director of the Department of Public Safety. "Participating in the Worklines program also allows inmates to get out of the cellblock during the day and still have time for training in the evening that will help them get back into society."

The Worklines program provides supervised community custody level inmates from all of the State's Community Correctional Centers and the two minimum security prisons at Waiawa on Oahu and Kulani on the island of Hawaii, who perform work that many agencies do not have the manpower to deal with.

Some prime examples of the Worklines projects that are going on statewide include: on Oahu, the Oahu Community Correctional Center (OCCC) Community Service Worklines helps the Hawaii Department of Defense (DOD) keep the cemeteries well groomed. Worklines also helps set up the cemeteries for special events such as Memorial Day and Veterans Day. Plus, the OCCC Worklines was praised after for its quick work in setting up and preparing rooms at the state capitol for primary election night.

The Women's Community Correctional Center (WCCC) in Kailua works extensively with Outdoor Circle in the growing and selling of orchids and with the Department of Transportation (DOT) in cleaning and maintaining roadsides. The WCCC crews also

help maintain some of the veterans' cemeteries and aid Hawaii Special Olympics with everything from their Games' set-up to take down.

On the Big Island, the Kulani Correctional Facility Community Worklines has established a unique consortium to preserve the slopes of Mauna Loa. Among those participating in the consortium are

State and Federal agencies such as the Hawaii Department of Land and Natural Resources and the U.S. Park Service. The Bishop Estate and non-profits are also part of the partnership. The Hawaii Community Correctional Center (HCCC) Worklines crews recently erected three rock walls and a number of monkey cages for the Pana`ewa Rainforest Zoo in Hilo along with taking care of various cleaning and maintenance projects.

On Maui and Kauai, the Maui Community Correctional Center (MCCC) and the Kauai Community Correctional Center (KCCC) crews maintain and clean beaches, parks and roadways for their counties. The MCCC Worklines group recently helped people with disabilities get into the Maui County Special Fair, 'Joy Zone,' and KCCC Worklines crews have a ten-year relationship with the Kauai Farm Bureau helping them get ready for the Kauai County Farm Fair.

WORKLINES COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS **FY 2003-2004 STATEWIDE STATISTICS**

Federal Projects	37
# of inmates	313
# of man-hours	19,047
Est labor value	\$282,946.00
City and County Projects (all islands)	288
# of inmates	2,494
# of man-hours	76,472
Est. labor value	\$1,055,074.00
State Projects	178
# of inmates	2,578
# of man-hours	75,686
Est. labor value	\$1,038,101.00
Non-Profit Projects	192
# of inmates	1,927
# of man-hours	28,070
Est. labor value	\$380,012.26
Total man-hours	199,275
Total Est. labor value	<u>\$2,756,133.26</u>

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